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TAGS: EMIN, MR

SUBJ: MAURITANIAN COPPER MINES REOPEN

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 1929 (NOTAL)

1. MAURITANIA'S COPPER MINES, SOCIETE MINERE DE MAURITANIE (SOMIMA) SHUT DOWN LAST MAY DUE TO THE DEPARTURE OF SEVERAL KEY TECHNICIANS AND THE LOW PRICE OF COPPER ON THE WORLD MARKET. THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF SOMIMA, WHO IS NOW WORKING FOR THE PARENT COMPANY SOCIETE NATIONALE

INDUSTRIELLE ET MINIERE, RECENTLY TOLD US THAT THE MINES REOPENED IN LATE OCTOBER. THEY ARE OPERATING, HOWEVER, AT ONLY ABOUT HALF OF CAPACITY.

2. FORMER DIRECTOR ADDED THAT COPPER MINES ARE CONTINUING TO LOSE LARGE SUMS OF MONEY BY OPERATING WHEN PRICE OF COPPER IS SO LOW. HE SAID GIRM HAS APPARENTLY REASONED IT IS BETTER TO LOSE MONEY BUT BRING IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE THAN TO LEAVE MINES CLOSED

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AND EARN NO FOREIGN EXCHANGE.HANDYSIDE

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